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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

**[CDC-2016-0090; Docket Number NIOSH 288-A]**

A Performance Test Protocol for Closed System Transfer  
Devices Used During Pharmacy Compounding and Administration  
of Hazardous Drugs; Extension of Comment Period

**Agency:** National Institute for Occupational Safety and  
Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for Disease Control and  
Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services  
(HHS) .

**ACTION:** Notice and extension of comment period

**SUMMARY:** On September 15, 2016 the National Institute for  
Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for  
Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), published a notice in  
the **Federal Register** [81 FR 63482] announcing a public  
meeting and request for public comment on a draft testing  
protocol.

Written comments were to be received by December 7, 2016. NIOSH initially extended the public comment period to June 7, 2017 [81 FR 88687]. NIOSH extended the comment period again to August 30, 2017 [82 FR 25290]. NIOSH is extending the public comment period to close on February 28, 2018. The longer timeframe will allow companies to test the protocol with the proposed challenge agents and permit full participation in the protocol design process.

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**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by CDC-2016-0090 and Docket Number NIOSH 288-A, by either of the following two methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>  
Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, NIOSH Docket Office, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, MS C-34, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226-1998.

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